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HOUSE RESOLUTION 199
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend legendary coach Mack Chandler on completing his dream of having a baseball field at Sardis High School.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to note that our state has citizens who "dream the impossible dream", work hard and make their dreams become reality; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, Coach Mack Chandler saw a need for a baseball field at Sardis High School where he worked with extraordinary dedication and diligence in the ensuing forty years to make that dream come true; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 1998, that cherished dream, the new "Mack Chandler Field", will be appropriately dedicated in his honor; and

WHEREAS, the new field will be used by Sardis High School and, most importantly, will be a center for children, youth and community activities; and

WHEREAS, Coach Chandler grew up in Lobelville and graduated from Lobelville High School in 1947; he earned a basketball scholarship at Austin Peay State University and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in 1951; and

WHEREAS, Mack Chandler began his brilliant coaching career that year at his alma mater, Lobelville High School (now Perry County High School), coaching the boys and girls

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basketball teams for two years. His record as the girls coach was 17-6 in 1952 and his best record as boys coach was 18-9 in 1953; and

WHEREAS, from 1953-1956, Coach Chandler coached the Scotts Hill High School girls and boys varsity basketball teams, leading the girls to a 17-10 record in 1957 and the boys to a 28-7 record in 1956; and

WHEREAS, he moved to Sardis High School for the 1957-1958 school year, and for the next ten years served admirably as the school principal, the boys and girls basketball coach, and as baseball coach; and

WHEREAS, in 1967 Coach Chandler moved to Riverdale High School in Murfreesboro, where he successfully coached the boys and girls varsity basketball and baseball squads for fourteen glorious years; and

WHEREAS, in 1981 he retired but shortly thereafter returned to Sardis High School as its principal for three years; and

WHEREAS, in the last of those three years, Coach Chandler coached the boys basketball and baseball teams, with his baseball team winning the coveted 1984 District Championship; and

WHEREAS, in 1984-1985 Coach Chandler's beloved Sardis High School was consolidated into Scotts Hill High School, where he served as assistant principal for the next eleven years; and

WHEREAS, although officially retired, he was "directed" by the school board to assist his son, Tracy, with the Scotts Hill girls basketball team (at no salary) which he still does; and

WHEREAS, during his thirty-one years as a varsity basketball coach, Mack Chandler coached in a remarkable 1,760 games, never missing a game; and

WHEREAS, Coach Chandler did not miss a day of school for his first twenty-eight years as a coach, teacher and principal; and

WHEREAS, Mack Chandler is most appreciative of the strong support he has received from his wife of nearly fifty years, the former Irene Barham; their five children, Michael, Tracy, Velda, Stella, and Carolyn; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, deeply admired and respected by faculty, students, and parents alike; Coach Mack Chandler is a credit to his profession, to high school athletics and to his community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and commend Coach Mack Chandler and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest appreciation to Coach Chandler for his assistance in the building of the Sardis High School baseball field.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.